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SUBJ: EFFECT OF ITAIPU DAM ON ACHE GUAYAKI SETTLEMENTS

REF: A) ASUNCION 0387, B) LANDAU-GRAHAM TELECON FEB. 25

1. TO THE BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, NO ACHE GUAYAKI INDIANS WILL BE DISPLACED BY FLOODING THAT WILL TAKE PLACE UPON COMPLETION OF THE ITAIPU DAM (EXPECTED IN 1984 AT THE EARLIEST).

2. REFTTEL GIVES APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF MAJOR GROUPINGS OF ACHE GUAYAKI INDIANS. OF THE FIVE FIXED STTELEMENTS OF THE NOMADIC TRIBE, ONLY THE ONE IN ALTO PARANA IS NEAR THE FUTURE ITAIPU LAKE. THE GOP NOW HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION A PROPOSAL FOR FORMALLY ESTABLISH A COLONY FOR THESE ACHE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CANENDIYU FURTHER INLAND FROM THEIR PRESENT ENCAMPMENT. THE PROPOSAL, DRAFTED BY A CATHOLIC MISSIONARY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PEACE CORPS, WAS BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND AT THE NEW SITE RATHER THAN A THREAT OF FLOODING AS A RESULT OF ITAIPU.

3. TO THE BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THE ITAIPU UNCLASSIFIED

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RESERVOIR WILL NOT FLOOD TRADITIONAL ACHE GUAYAKI HUNTING GROUNDS, WHICH ARE FARTHER INLAND EXTENDING WESTWARD IN THE ARC SALTO DEL GUAIRA-CAAGUAZU-SAN JUAN NEPOMUCENO.

4. FYI. INQUIRIES MAY HAVE ARISEN DUE TO CONFUSION BETWEEN ACHE AND CHIRIPA INDIANS, WHO LIVE CLOSER

TO THE PARANA RIVER. SOME OF AN ESTIMATED 2,800  
CHIRIPA INDIANS LIVE IN THE AREA OF THE FUTURE ITAIPU  
RESERVOIR. A NUMBER OF THESE MAY BE AMONG THE 20,000  
PERSONS (THE VAST MAJORITY BEING PARAGUAYAN FARMERS) WHICH  
THE ITAIPU COMMISSION ESTIMATES WILL BE  
DISPLACED BY ITAIPU FLOODING. (SOURCE FOR  
LOCATION AND NUMBER OF CHIRIPA IS "THE PRESENT  
SITUATION OF PARAGUAY'S INDIANS", BY MIGUEL CHASE  
SARDI, PUBLISHED IN 1972). END FYI.  
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